Report to Cabinet Item

14 November 2018

Report of Director of regeneration and development

Subject Norfolk Strategic Infrastructure Plan refreshed for 2018

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Purpose

To agree the refresh of the Norfolk Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Recommendation

To:

- 1) endorse the strategic and inclusive approach to infrastructure planning; and
- 2) agree the Norfolk Strategic Infrastructure Plan

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority a prosperous and vibrant city.

Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications of the Norfolk Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Plan. Individual projects will have their own budgets. Staff support is managed through existing resources.

Ward/s: All Wards

Cabinet member: Councillor Waters - Leader

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Background documents

None

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- The Norfolk Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Plan (NSIDP) presents the key strategic infrastructure projects needed to deliver economic growth in Norfolk. It provides a clear message of Norfolk's infrastructure priorities to the government and its agencies.
- 2. It is a working document that will be fully reviewed annually as information becomes available and projects are progressed through to delivery. The next review is scheduled for November 2019.
- 3. The NSIDP helps to co-ordinate implementation, prioritise activity and respond to any funding opportunities. The NSIDP is focussed on strategic transport, utility and sustainability projects.
- 4. Norfolk County Council lead on the implementation of the NSIDP and are due to approve the policy at their environment, development and transport committee on 9 November 2018. All the districts in Norfolk have contributed to the plan's creation and are presenting this report to their cabinets for approval to highlight the inclusive approach to infrastructure planning the NSIDP represents.

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- The NSIDP can be found at: https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/policy-performance-and-partnerships/policies-and-strategies/business-policies and sets out Norfolk's high level strategic infrastructure priorities for the next 10 years and has an accompanying online map http://arcg.is/2u75ooY presenting all the projects in the NSIDP as one vision for Norfolk.
- 6. The list of projects was compiled in conjunction with stakeholders. As well as all of the Norfolk councils these include utility companies and government agencies as well. The list of prioritised projects included in the NSIDP has been reviewed and agreed by the appropriate officer groups: Norfolk Strategic Planning Group, Norfolk Growth Delivery Group, Norfolk Strategic Growth Group (consisting of Chief Executives from all the District Councils) and Norfolk Leaders.
- 7. The projects in the NSIDP are focussed on transport, utilities and sustainability and align with Norfolk County Council's priority for improved infrastructure, the ambitions of the recently published Norfolk and Suffolk Economic Strategy (NSES) and District Council Local Plans.
- 8. There are many other smaller infrastructure schemes and projects important across the county. Not every project has been included in the NSIDP as the NSIDP only includes the most strategic projects, which contribute the greatest to housing and jobs targets and on which the county council and other partners are actively working with a recognised route towards delivery.

- 9. Some projects are further forward than others so they have robust investment requirements and implementation timelines; others are in the early stages of design and are less well known. In some cases the funding sources are clear, for example where Section 106 (S106) or Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) collected from developers will provide a significant contribution. Additional details on costs and sources of funding, such as contributions from utility companies like Anglian Water will be added as projects are firmed up.
- 10. The 2018 NSIDP groups projects by those in Local Authority control and those which are being delivered by external organisations. For those projects in Local Authority control significantly more information has been provided including a detailed breakdown of each project stage and the work underway to progress delivery. In addition the majority of projects have also received funding from the Business Rates Pool in a coordinated approach to ensure projects progress as planned over the coming year and the next stage for delivery has been identified.
- 11. This helps generate a pipeline of projects based on estimated start dates and if their current status means they will be delivered as planned. This allows for informed discussions and will enable work with partners to co-ordinate implementation, prioritise activity and respond to any funding opportunities.
- 12. The NSIDP is a working document that will be reviewed annually as information becomes available and projects progress through to delivery. The first review is planned for the spring of 2019 to factor in any potential government announcements during the autumn of 2018. This process allows for new projects to come forward for inclusion at the appropriate time subject to meeting the necessary criteria.

Integrated impact assessment



The IIA should assess the impact of the recommendation being made by the report

Detailed guidance to help with the completion of the assessment can be found here. Delete this row after completion

Report author to complete						
Committee:	Cabinet					
Committee date:	14 November 2018					
Director / Head of service	Dave Moorcroft					
Report subject:	Norfolk Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Plan					
Date assessed:	1 November 2018					

	Impact			
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)				There are no direct financial implications of the Norfolk Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Plan. Individual projects will have their own budgets
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact				
ICT services	\boxtimes			
Economic development				The NSIDP supports the economic prosperity and development of both the city and the county more generally
Financial inclusion		\boxtimes		
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults				
S17 crime and disorder act 1998	\boxtimes			
Human Rights Act 1998				
Health and well being				The NSIDP supports housing growth to meet health and wellbeing needs
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Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments			
Relations between groups (cohesion)							
Eliminating discrimination & harassment							
Advancing equality of opportunity				Better infrastructure can help all in society better access jobs and services			
Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments			
Transportation				The NSIDP includes several projects to improve both rail and road infrastructure			
Natural and built environment				The NSIDP includes two major projects to improve access to the natural environment. Projects may impact on the natural and built environment and require sensitive implementation.			
Waste minimisation & resource use							
Pollution							
Sustainable procurement	\boxtimes						
Energy and climate change				Two NSIDP projects will provide increased electricity network capacity. This provides potential to increase use of electricity to replace use of fossil fuel			

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(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments			
Risk management							
Recommendations from impact assessment							
Positive							
Agree the NSIDP							
Negative							
Neutral							
Issues							